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1. WMO BELIEVES SEATING CAPACITY FOR CBS COMMITTEE B TOO SMALL. THEY POINT OUT THAT ATTENDANCE EVEN AT EXTRA-ORDINARY (INTERMEDIATE) SESSION OF CBS WAS 50 WMO MEMBERS, 3 NON-MEMBERS AND 10 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE THIS PARTICULAR SESSION AND ITS SITE, THEY FEEL THAT ATTENDANCE COULD EXCEED 70 WMO MEMBERS.
2. THE SECRETARIAT AGREES THAT COMMITTEE B REGULAR ATTENDANCE WILL BE SMALLER THAN THAT OF COMMITTEE A. NEVERTHELESS, THEY FEEL IT ESSENTIAL THAT ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING THE SESSION SHOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF EITHER COMMITTEE; AND THAT AT TIMES, DEPENDING ON THE SUBJECT UNDER DISCUSSION, A LARGE MAJORITY MAY WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE MEETING OF COMMITTEE B. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD HAVE ESSENTIALLY EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.
3. CONSEQUENTLY, THE SECRETARIAT FEELS THAT COMMITTEE B REGULAR ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD PROVIDE FOR SEATING AT THE

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TABLE OF AT LEAST ONE DELEGATE FOR EACH COUNTRY AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATING IN THE SESSION, WITH A SOMEWHAT SMALLER NUMBER IN BACK-UP POSITIONS. SOME SWITCHING OF COMMITTEE ROOM ASSIGNMENTS, DEPENDING ON ATTENDANCE AT PARTICULAR MEETINGS, MAY BE AN ALTERNATIVE BUT NOT AS SATISFACTORY SOLUTION.

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